

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Chen et al.	Art Unit :	1763
Serial No. :	10/732,966	Examiner :	Sylvia R. MacArthur
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Title :	RETAINING RING WITH SLURRY TRANSPORT GROOVES		

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: